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Cc: Blumenfeld, Jared[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV]; Manzanilla, Enrique[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]; Allen, HarryL[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]
From: Zito, Kelly
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 2:40:01 PM
Subject: Re: Information on the Response Effort - R6 v1

We have 15 staff/contractors on the ground.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 6:23 AM, "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Jared and Kelly,

Would you guys happen to have a # on your deployment?

Thanks.

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:14 AM
To: Gray, David
Cc: Fritz, Matthew; Card, Joan; Blumenfeld, Jared; Curry, Ron; Zito, Kelly; Harrison, Melissa; Stanislaus, Mathy; Cheatham, Reggie; Natarajan, Nitin; Breen, Barry; Coleman, Sam; Strauss, Alexis; Smith, Paula; Ostrander, David; Purchia, Liz; Reynolds, Thomas; Herckis, Arian; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura
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Here it is for CO

Gold King Mine Release 2015

08/11/2015

Group

Number

EPA @ REOC	11
Contractors @ REOC	2
EPA in Field (R8)	24
Contractors in Field (R8)	17
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On Aug 12, 2015, at 6:26 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

REGION 6 PARTIAL RESPONSE

Chronology and notifications:

Region 8 with assistance from 6

of EPA staff/contractors engaged in the response (both on the ground/ and in the regions and HQ):

all

Region 6 – 70 total; 52 (NM, CO – 21 EPA, 32 Contractors); 18 (Dallas, Regional Response Center – 14 EPA, 4 Contractors)

Navajo Dam release: when, how much, frequency

Probably 6 and 9 – Joan may have good info here

Toll-free # (is there one for both NM and Colorado?)

David G – the number will handle inquiries for all three regions.

EPA launched a toll-free community hotline at 844 - 607 - 9700 (English, Spanish and soon Navajo available) for the Gold King Mine response activities in Colorado, Ute Tribe, New Mexico and Navajo Nation.

Contact information for response partners:

ATSDR's information is posted on the website – along with the name of the appropriate official to contact

Other supporting agencies – such as state fish and wildlife – are listed on the site (no contact information – ideally, one would work through the Unified Command to connect with the individuals associated with the response)

Information on how to submit claims is on the website. Additional work over the next couple of days will involve establishing “centers” in the various communities to make the system for submitting a claim easier.

Process to analyze data:

Reggie

pH values in Cement Creek:

As of August 11 (Tuesday), the pH value for the discharge from Cement Creek was 5.5 – consistent with pre-existing conditions

Shawn/Mathy/Reggie

Single point of contact:

David Ostrander – Incident Commander working out of the Unified Area Command in Durango

Should we list who might be managing the effort in Farmington?

Mark Hayes, Federal On-Scene Coordinator is our Incident Commander in Farmington.

Team

Plan to provide water in NM:

In New Mexico – EPA is only providing water for livestock. We assumed that responsibility from San Juan County on Monday, Aug 10 using our emergency response contractor. We have issued a \$500,000 work assignment to the contractor and completed 4 distributions on Tuesday, Aug 11.

Mobile Lab in NM:

EPA's Region 6 mobile lab has been in Farmington since August.... The lab is capable of ...

Ron/David

The mobile laboratory was NOT deployed to Farmington. We have stood up a sample process center in an existing building at 605 E. Apache Street instead. We did send our mobile command post which has communication

capabilities and office space. The mobile lab couldn't run all the parameters necessary to evaluate the water quality. Samples are being shipped to an offsite laboratory for analysis.

Addressing other mines in the area:

Team – general response

Long-term clean up strategy:

EPA is in the process of developing a long-term clean-up strategy. The primary focus is on the on-going response and ensuring conditions within the rivers have improved to pre-event conditions – allowing the rivers to be opened back up for recreational uses, the provision of water for drinking and agricultural purposes.